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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judge
Appointed in the Third Judicial Circuit**

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Third Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Dean E. Sweet as an associate judge of the Third Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Sweet received his undergraduate degree in 1973 from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, and his Juris Doctor in 1976 from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Sweet is currently engaged in solo practice in Wood River, Illinois.